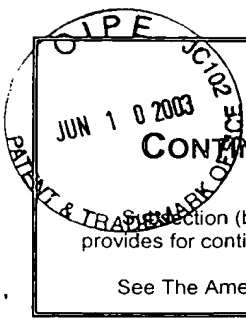


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Section (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/787,502
Filing Date	March 16, 2001
First Named Inventor	Tadatomo et al. # 12/RCE
Group Art Unit	2815
Examiner Name	E. Ortiz 6/18/3
Attorney Docket No	210013 Surber

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on April 11, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - v. ☐ Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449
 - vi. ☒ Other: Supplemental Response to Office Action

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c. ☐ Other:

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The following fees are enclosed:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee of \$750.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$750.00
 - ii. ☒ Three-month extension of time fee of \$930.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$930.00
 - iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))
 - iv. ☒ Other: Credit for one-month extension of time fee previously paid by applicants. -\$110.00
- TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED** **\$1,570.00**

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216
- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	John Kilyk, Jr.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	30,763
Signature		Date	June 10, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this RCE Transmittal and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on June 10, 2003, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV 329750882 US, addressed to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Name (Print/Type)	Rick D. Madsen	Date	June 10, 2003
Signature			